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**Mother greets son, home just in time for holidays**



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**Front Cover: Senior Airman Ben Bogues, 917th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron B-52 crew chief, hugs his mother, Mary, at his homecoming from Guam on Nov. 25 (Photo by Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant)**

## Commander's Words

Hope you all had a great holiday and had the opportunity to spend some quality time with your families and loved ones. Last year was challenging, yet rewarding for all of us as we accomplished the nation's business.

The big event this next year is our Unit Compliance Inspection in May – unless President Bush decides we have a higher priority mission. May will be here before you know it, so we don't have much time to put the finishing touches on our paperwork and programs to ensure they are second to none.

You probably have heard me mention these programs before, and may even hear them again before May. The Management Control Program is a biggy! We must make sure that each unit has their Fiscal Year 2003 program up and running and that every item we say we do, has in fact been accomplished as indicated on the plan. Self-inspection is a major part of the MCP, so ensure it is complete and documented in the Self Inspection Tracking System.

Operational Risk Management is another big program that the UCI team will be checking. Each individual must have completed the initial phase one ORM training and the phase two training where they apply the process to task in the work section. Most folks document this training on their Air Force Form 55. It is essential to document this training.

And finally, the feedback/mentoring programs are hot items. It will require a two-pronged attack to make sure these areas are covered. First, it will require each supervisor to make an effort to track the folks that report to him, and complete the required feedback and mentoring. Second, it will require orderly room personnel to track individuals in their unit and get the feedback forms to supervisors as required. This is definitely not an easy task. It is a manual process, and requirements vary due to rank.



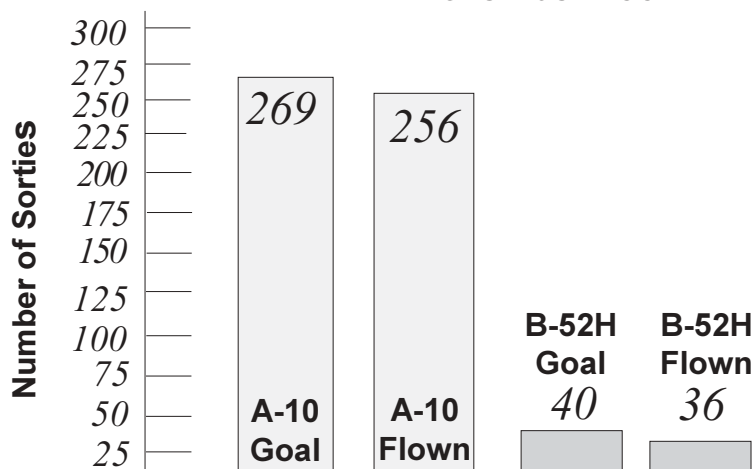
**Brig. Gen. Jack C. Ihle**  
917th Wing Commander

Of course there will be many other programs they will inspect, such as time and attendance, IMPAC accounts, government travel cards, voting officer program, etc.

Speaking of the government travel card, I am through being a nice guy. We are the worst unit in 10th Air Force, and that must change. If you choose not to pay your bill, expect to receive letters of reprimand and a discharge.

I am confident that you will make the extra effort to ensure we have the best programs in the Air Force Reserve. I would expect nothing less from such true professionals.

## 917th Wing Sortie Scoreboard November 2002



**A-10 Mission Capable Rate 81.9%**  
**B-52H Mission Capable Rate 60.1%**

**AFRC Goal 75%**  
**AFRC Goal 65%**





*The first duty of a leader is to grow more leaders, and one way to do that is through...*

# Mentoring

-Gen. Hal Hornburg

**By Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant  
Wing Public Affairs**

Ask anyone who has breathed the sweet smell of success in his military career, and he will usually tell you about the one person who had a significant impact on him. The person may have been a relative, friend or someone he met while new to the workplace who took him under his wing until he could fly.

This individual, usually referred to as a mentor, is a "trusted counselor or guide." Mentoring, therefore, is a relationship in which a person with greater experience and wisdom guides another person in his personal and professional development.

Mentoring is a leadership and management issue that will be looked at as part of the upcoming Unit Compliance Inspection in May. "We are preparing for the UCI by ensuring mentors and proteges understand the mentoring process and the contributing factors of a successful mentoring relationship," said Master Sgt. John McClain, 917th Mission Support Squadron first sergeant. Ensure that all mentoring done in your workplace is documented.

"When a supervisor shares with a subordinate what they did to help them at a specific point or place in their career, mentoring is taking place on an informal level," said McClain. "When a scheduled feedback session takes place, mentoring is accomplished on a more formal scale."

"Leadership is where mentoring starts—

they go hand-in-hand," said Gen. Hal Hornburg in a speech he gave to the Virginia Military Institute Corps of Cadets. "The first duty of a leader is to grow more leaders, and one way to do that is through mentoring."

"Mentoring is an act of giving," he said. "It's about service before self. It's about reaching out to others, sharing lessons learned, offering guidance, and providing an ear to listen."

Selflessness is key when mentoring, Hornburg said. "You can't look for the big payback, the 'what's in it for me?'" The highest compliment that can ever be paid to you as a mentor will never occur in your presence. That moment occurs when the next generation's leader, the one you worked with, faces his own crisis and seeks wisdom in the silent chambers of the soul and asks, "How would my mentor have handled this?"

"My advice to people seeking mentors is to be open-minded when making your selection," said Lt. Col. Marilyn Alston, 917 MSS commander. "It is also important to find someone who has integrity, who is willing to work hard, and is genuinely serious about being successful."

"Mentoring is about helping people grow and think for themselves," said Hornburg. "It's an opportunity to connect with the past and contribute to the future. It's about seeking out all of tomorrow's bright, young leaders and helping them navigate the path that lies ahead."

## *More about* **Mentoring**

### ***A mentor is...***

- a trusted counselor or guide

### ***Mentoring is...***

-a mutually beneficial relationship where a person with greater experience and wisdom guides another person in his personal and professional development

### ***Mentoring...***

-fosters free communication by subordinates with superiors concerning their careers, performance, duties and missions

-provides knowledge of military ethics and an understanding of Air Force core values of integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do

### ***For more on mentoring...***

Air Force Instruction 36-3401  
Air Force Mentoring Program

# CONOPS: *Training begins at the Wing*

By Senior Airman Ebony Nichols  
Wing Public Affairs

A new method of responding to and dealing with chemical attacks, Chemical-Counter Warfare Concept of Operations, is now in place. The main focus will be the split Military Oriented Protective Posture. This means the entire base will go into different MOPP levels instead of going into MOPP four in response to an attack.

The base will be separated into sections, and MOPP levels will be decided on by the commander to coincide with the level of threat in the sections, according to Senior Master Sgt. Robert Even, readiness flight superintendent. The level of threat will be determined by the readiness personnel manning the Nuclear Biological Chemical Cell. As a result, the duration of the MOPP levels will be shortened significantly, Even said.

Expedient, immediate spot decontamination will be the new order of process in response to a chemical attack.

"Competency in the new methodology of chemical attack response will be looked for in any exercise taking place after the training here is complete," said Even. Training for Wing personnel begins in January 2003 and will take approximately 12 months.

For more information on C-CW CONOPS, call Even at 456-9169, or log onto the Web site: <https://wwwmil.afcesa.af.mil/CEXR/FSTRPubs/CW-CONOPS/default.html>.



# ORM: *A tool to get the job done*

By Maj. Frank Stepongzi  
Wing Safety

Operational Risk Management has been in use in the Air Force for many years now, but is still growing in its use and acceptance. There are many misconceptions on what it is, how it is used, and who needs to know how to use it. Take a few minutes to get the answers to these questions.

ORM is not just another safety program; it is a management tool to help you accomplish your mission. The "risk" in ORM refers to things that may prevent you from getting the job done. These risks may or may not be safety issues.

If your mission is to process orders for unit personnel, your mission success depends upon the availability of a working computer with the proper software. If your computer gets a virus that deletes your data files, or if there is a long-term power failure on base, your mission is affected.

How you use ORM depends on what your mission is. Strategic planning of major events like upcoming deployments, mission changes or reorganization, require an in-depth study. ORM is the perfect management tool for such events.

How many times have you complained that the way your office runs is "all screwed up?" Instead of complaining about it, fix it! ORM is the perfect method for identifying problems and possible solutions.

Who can best define the problems of an office or unit than the people in it? Do you really think that a pilot from the safety office can identify and fix the problems in the orderly room, munitions storage area, or the engine back shop? Of course not.

ORM is here to stay, and if you want to get ahead in today's Air Force, learn, understand and use these tools, or you'll be left behind.

ORM is now part of the curriculum for all commissioning sources, Squadron Officer School, Noncommissioned Officers Academy and many other Air Force formal training schools.

If you are a commander or supervisor, and you are asked to approve a new policy, procedure or task, ask if ORM was used. If the answer is no, have the individual or team re-address the problem. By doing so, you will build a culture within your organization that uses ORM to greatly enhance overall mission effectiveness.



PHOTO BY BETTY STEPHENS

## McClain receives award

Maj. Terry McClain, 47th Fighter Squadron flight commander, received the Pilot Safety Award of Distinction for the month of November 2002. McClain is pictured here showing Tony Orlando a 30-millimeter bullet used in the A-10 Gatling Gun during Orlando's visit to Barksdale.



# C.O.U.R.A.G.E.: *A New Year's Resolution*

By Chaplain (Capt.) Ralph Devaul  
Wing Chaplains Office

## Communication

Effective communication is a key to effective relationships at work and at home. An unknown writer once said, "If you're talking, you ain't listening." In Wisdom Scriptures (Ecc. 3:7) we hear, there is "... a time to be silent and a time to speak." Allow the person to complete his discussion. It will lead to less frustration and tension for each person.

## Organization

Plan for as many contingencies as possible. This includes speaking. Write down thoughts and ideas in a clear, concise manner. If your thoughts are organized you'll be better equipped to respond. This idea is clearly communicated in Habakkuk 2:2, "Then the Lord said to me, 'Write my answer in large, clear letters on a tablet, so that a runner can read it and tell everyone else.'"

## Understanding

When seeking clarification and before answering a complaint, suspend judgment.

Proverbs 14:29 states, "Those who control their anger have great understanding; those with a hasty temper will make mistakes." When given feedback, listen carefully before responding. Proverbs 15:32 tells, "If you reject criticism, you only harm yourself; but if you listen to correction, you grow in understanding."

## Respect

Respect is a given to even the lowest-ranking person. The scriptures support this idea. Psalm 138:6 says, "Though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off." In fact, we have an obligation to those around us to not show partiality or favoritism. Psalm 24:23 echoes these thoughts.

Here are some further sayings of the wise: "It is wrong to show favoritism when passing judgment." In fact, out of your impartiality will grow honor. That is, you will be honored for your integrity.

## Acknowledge

Reward people for their accomplishments. Never take credit for what others have accomplished, unless it is a group effort. Proverbs 22:4 tells us that, "True hu-

mility and fear of the Lord lead to riches, honor and long life. The result of rewarding others for their accomplishments is a deeper respect for the other person and yourself.

## Generosity

Give unselfishly and selflessly to others. At the heart of generosity is the concept of reaping and sowing. Scripture records in Proverbs 11:25, "The generous prosper and are satisfied; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed." And don't forget, generosity extends to you too! Give yourself and your family well-deserved breaks. This includes quiet or special times with your mate. Don't take yourself so seriously all the time!

## Encouragement

One of the greatest gifts we can offer each other in the new year is encouragement. According to the New Testament scriptures, encouragement is the idea of walking along side one another to comfort or console, exhort, strengthen, teach and instruct. It means, "being there."

So, try a little courage for the New Year. A little C.O.U.R.A.G.E. will go a long way.

## 2003 Reserve Pay for Four Drills

	Years of Service														
	Under 2	Over 2	Over 3	Over 4	Over 6	Over 8	Over 10	Over 12	Over 14	Over 16	Over 18	Over 20	Over 22	Over 24	Over 26
O-7	828.12	866.56	884.40	898.56	924.12	949.44	978.72	1007.92	1037.20	1129.16	1206.84	1206.84	1206.84	1206.84	1212.92
O-6	613.76	674.28	718.52	718.52	721.28	752.16	756.28	756.28	799.28	875.24	919.84	964.44	989.80	1015.48	1065.32
O-5	511.68	576.40	616.32	623.80	648.64	663.60	696.36	720.40	751.40	798.92	821.56	843.88	869.28	869.28	869.28
O-4	441.48	511.04	545.16	552.76	584.40	618.36	660.60	693.52	716.36	729.48	737.12	737.12	737.12	737.12	737.12
O-3	388.16	440.04	474.96	517.80	542.60	569.80	587.44	616.44	631.48	631.48	631.48	631.48	631.48	631.48	631.48
O-2	335.36	381.96	439.92	454.76	464.16	464.16	464.16	464.16	464.16	464.16	464.16	464.16	464.16	464.16	464.16
O-1	291.16	303.00	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24
O-3E				517.80	542.60	569.80	587.44	616.44	640.84	654.80	673.92	673.92	673.92	673.92	673.92
O-2E				454.76	464.16	478.92	503.84	523.12	537.48	537.48	537.48	537.48	537.48	537.48	537.48
O-1E				366.24	391.16	405.60	420.36	434.88	454.76	454.76	454.76	454.76	454.76	454.76	454.76
E-9							475.24	486.00	499.60	515.60	531.64	557.44	579.24	600.84	634.32
E-8						396.72	408.16	418.84	431.68	445.60	470.68	483.40	506.00	517.00	546.56
E-7	275.80	301.04	312.52	323.76	335.52	355.72	367.12	378.44	398.72	408.84	418.48	424.36	444.20	457.04	489.52
E-6	236.08	259.68	271.16	282.28	293.88	320.12	330.32	341.64	351.56	355.08	361.28	361.28	361.28	361.28	361.28
E-5	216.72	231.16	242.32	253.80	271.60	286.92	298.24	304.44	304.44	304.44	304.44	304.44	304.44	304.44	304.44
E-4	200.36	210.64	222.04	233.24	243.20	243.20	243.20	243.20	243.20	243.20	243.20	243.20	243.20	243.20	243.20
E-3	180.92	192.28	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84
E-2	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00
E-1>4	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44
E-1 with less than 4 months	141.96														

Reservists will receive a drill pay increase ranging from 4.1 percent to 9.5 percent, effective Jan. 1. Source: Defense Authorization

# Verdict just in:

## *Wing found guilty of having too much fun at party*

**By Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant  
Wing Public Affairs**

A parachute hangs across the back of the ballroom. Around the walls, Christmas lights of all colors glow to celebrate the festive season. In front, an empty stage is set for what is to be a fictional but unique interpretation of world events.

Old friends are reacquainted and new ones are made as people mingle throughout the room. Music plays softly in the background, as the words 'Merry Christmas' scroll across the screen on large televisions placed strategically throughout the room.

Dinner is served and just when you think you can't eat another bite, a piece of cake large enough to feed two to three people is set down on the tables. Wow!

Soon a slide show begins which includes members from every area of the Wing: bombers loading bombs, medics working in the lab, and so on.

Following the slide show, the lights go very dim. All that can be seen is a few people on the stage. A spotlight hits the narrator as she introduces Judge Freedom played by Col. Richard Schmidt. He sits in judgment of terrorism that has brought harm to our great nation.

After the skit, dancing begins. Couples immediately step onto the dance floor, dancing to the tunes, new and old, played by our own Master Sgt. Randy Henley. The fun continues throughout the night, as Master Sgt. Michael Mazerat proves to be a chic magnet. Women cannot stay away from him moving to the groove. They stand in line, awaiting the chance to sneak in at least one dance.

All good things must come to an end, and eventually this party succumbed to everyone's need to return home and prepare to return to work the next morning for the second half of December's unit training assembly.

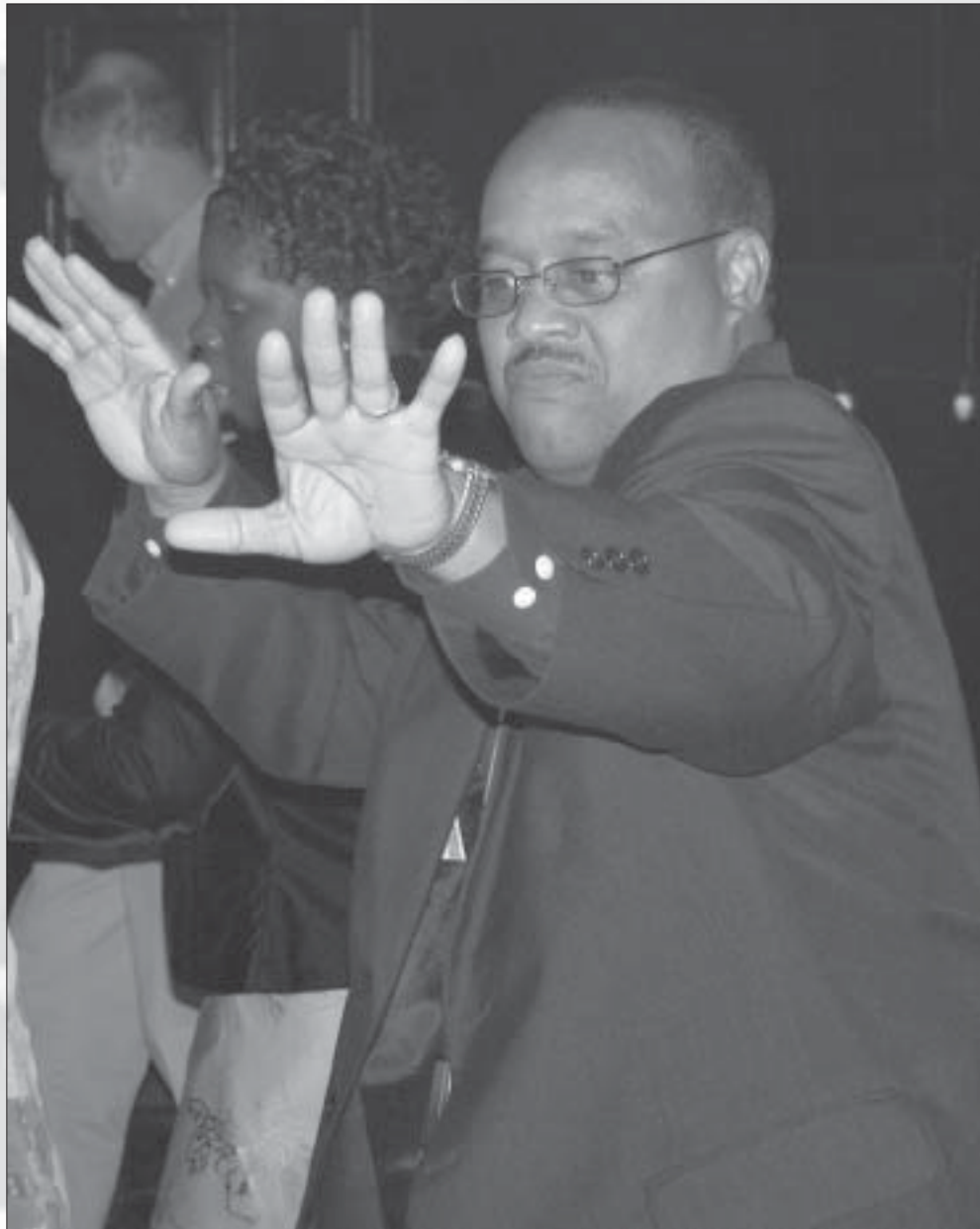


PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. SHERRI SAVANT  
**Col. Richard Schmidt, 917th  
Mission Support Group  
commander, hands down a guilty  
verdict during a skit at the Wing  
Christmas Party, held on Dec. 7.  
Schmidt, a federal judge in civilian  
life, played one in the skit.**





Senior Airman Melissa Edwards, 917th Medical Squadron medical services attendant, shares a dance with her fiancé, Devon Hubbard.



PHOTOS BY MASTER SGT. JESSICA D'AURIZIO

**Above:** Senior Master Sgt. Charles Beverly, 917th Maintenance Squadron munition systems supervisor, gets his groove on to music played by disc jockey Master Sgt. Randy Henley, 47th Fighter Squadron first sergeant. **Left:** Senior Master Sgt. Steve Lindberg, 917th Logistics Readiness Squadron superintendent, Master Sgt. Bill Murray, 917th Maintenance Squadron armament systems technician, and wife, Marcy, have a drink together during social hour.

## Scholarship offered by ROA

The Retired Officer's Association Program seeks to honor 100 college-bound high-school seniors or undergraduate students with individual \$1,000 scholarships for the 2003-04 school year. Applicants must be dependent children of active-duty or reserve members and must be under the age of 24. They must be planning to attend an accredited college or university full-time in Fall 2003.

Students will be selected by random drawing, with representation given to each of the uniformed services. ROA membership is not required, and there is no need-based criteria, no grade point average minimum, no essay and no fees. Those interested need only to complete the on-line application located on the ROA Web site: <http://www.troa.org>. March 1 at noon is the deadline to apply. Applicants may e-mail [edassist@troa.org](mailto:edassist@troa.org) with questions.

## Travel vouchers:

*Top 10 reasons why payments are delayed*

1. Orders approving official signing voucher for items not previously authorized in orders doesn't match orders approving official on that order.
2. Duty statements not included stating first and last day of duty when taking leave of additional travel time in conjunction with the temporary duty.
3. Block 16 (owner/operator) on travel voucher not marked for personally-owned vehicle travel.
4. Dates not submitted in itinerary on voucher or dates submitted on voucher do not agree with what is on the travel order.
5. Person didn't claim airfare and service fees on the voucher. An airfare quote from Alamo is not acceptable; it must be a final invoice, ticket voucher or the government travel card bill.
6. Itemized receipts, lodging, rental car, conference fee or airfare were not included.
7. Amendments were not turned in.
8. Nonavailability statement for contract quarters was not turned in.
9. Lodging taxes were not claimed separately for commercial lodging in the United States.
10. Travel voucher was not signed.

The 2nd Bomb Wing Finance Office needs at least three copies of orders and amendments, three copies of the travel voucher or sub-voucher and the original plus one copy of itemized receipts.

To inquire about an unpaid voucher, call the finance office at 456-4733, or e-mail them at [pay@barksdale.af.mil](mailto:pay@barksdale.af.mil). Phone calls and e-mail messages are usually answered within 24 hours.

## Split disbursement to become mandatory

All Air Force government travel card holders can expect to be filing split disbursements on their travel vouchers starting in the spring of this year. The Air Force is making the current optional process mandatory to combat delinquent travel card payments to Bank of America, which holds the government travel card contract.

## Help wanted at 307 RHS

Det 1, 307 RED HORSE Squadron has a traditional reserve C36P3 officer vacancy. Duty title is Squadron Section Commander, with the rank of major. As part of the Commander's Key Support Staff, he will advise the commander on all issues concerning assignments, promotions, separations, social actions activities and career development. Call Lt. Col. Steve McCutcheon at 456-4893.

## Reap what you sew

In order to be reimbursed for additional patches, name tapes and or ranks sewn on a uniform, certain steps must be taken.

Members must first see their unit resource advisor to obtain an Air Force Standard Form 1164. Blocks one through nine need to be filled out, with the member's signature on block 10 and the resource advisor's signature on block eight. Turn in a SF1164 with the original paid receipt (listing sewing costs) attached to it, to Jimmy Wiggins, 917th Financial Management Reserve Appropriation Office, in Bldg. 6803, Rm. 201B. Reimbursement applies only to uniforms for enlisted personnel and officers' flight suits.

## Proof of exams needed to avoid profiles

According to Air Force Pamphlet 48-133, all female personnel will undergo a breast and pelvic examination with pap smear annually. After three normal pap smears are obtained, the examination will only be required every two years.

Reservists failing to provide proof of current pap smear and/or mammograms by June 2003 will be placed on a 4T (non-compliant) profile. Those on a 4T profile are precluded from worldwide assignments and deployment, and from participating on unit training assemblies. Members failing to provide proof of having a dental exam in the last year will also be profiled accordingly. Call Master Sgt. Michael Mazerat at 456-1589 for more information.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. SHERRI SAVANT

## A gift is given

Terry Montgomery, 917th Wing budget analyst, wraps a present to be given to a needy child. Approximately 600 children, identified by social services, received gifts from the Santas in Blues Program during parties at the Bossier Civic Center and Hot Wheels Skating Rink on Dec. 20.





## Flag changes hands

Lt. Col. Thomas Dean II, assumes command of the 917th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron on Sunday, Dec. 8, during Wing Commander's Call. Other change of commands included the following: Maj. Ken Honaker assumed command of the 717th AMXS; Lt. Col. Robert Timm assumed command of the 917th Logistics Readiness Squadron; Capt. Chris Evers assumed command of the 917th Maintenance Operations Squadron; and Capt. John Snowman assumed command of the 917th Maintenance Squadron. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant)

## 917th Wing Salutes

### NEWCOMERS

#### **917 MDS**

Senior Airman Corry Borras  
Senior Airman Thomas Dawson  
Tech. Sgt. Karen Rushing  
Maj. Donald Van Sandt

#### **917 CES**

Senior Airman Jeffrey Kirkwood

#### **307 RHS**

Senior Airman William Heinemann

#### **917 MOS**

Staff Sgt. Anthony Bowling  
Airman Chimere Smith

#### **917 MXS**

Tech. Sgt. Maria Bonifacio

#### **917 CF**

Senior Airman Darrell Vance

#### **917 AMXS**

Lt. Col. Thomas Dean II

#### **917 LRS**

Capt. John Rolands

#### **717 AMXS**

Airman 1st Class Justin Browning



**Staff Sgt. Matthew Brock**  
917th Maintenance Squadron  
Airman of the Quarter



**Tech. Sgt. Marion Taite**  
917th Maintenance Squadron  
NCO of the Quarter

# 2002:

## Taking a look back at the past year

By Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant  
Wing Public Affairs

The year 2002 brought about many changes and memorable events:

### **B-52 celebrates 50 years in flight**

-Air Force celebrated the 50th anniversary of the first flight of the B-52 Stratofortress.

### **ID card gets new look**

-The "Common Access Card" replaced the standard military identification card. The new "smart" card, about the size of a credit card, contains an integrated circuit chip, linear bar code, two-dimensional bar code, magnetic stripe, color digital photograph and printed information.

### **Travel voucher makeover**

-New edition of Department of Defense Form 1351-2 published.

### **Government travel goes paper-free**

-Paper tickets are out, and electronic tickets are in for all official government travel.

### **Tuition assistance increases**

-TA increased from 75 to 100 percent for reservists pursuing first bachelor's degree.

### **AEF cycle undergoes change**

-The Air and Space Expeditionary Force cycle is to be completed as a Wing, all at the same time. The time between AEF cycles extends from 15 months to nearly two years.

### **New nametag introduced**

-A new service dress nametag was selected by Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. John P. Jumper. It will only feature the wearer's last name and will only be worn on the service dress, on the right side parallel to the ribbons and medals.

### **End strength increases**

-Number of reservists increased to 75,600.

-Number of full-time Air Reserve Technicians increased to 9,911.

### **Wing switches gears**

-Aircraft maintenance squadrons broke away from their respective squadrons and formed their own squadrons, the 717th and 917th Aircraft Maintenance Squadrons.

-Transportation, supply and plans stood up as the 917th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

-The Logistics Group became the Maintenance Group.

-The Logistics Support Squadron became the Maintenance Operation Squadron.

-The Support Group became the Mission Support Group.

### **Pay hike for 2003**

-Provides at least a 4.1 percent pay raise for service members; many mid-level noncommissioned and commissioned officers will receive a pay jump of between 5.5 and 6.5 percent.

### **MGIB extended**

-The number of years the selected reserve may use the Montgomery GI Bill has been extended from 10 to 14 years.

### **Bonuses and special pay extended**

-The following bonuses and special pay were extended through Dec. 31, 2003:

-Special pay for health-care professionals who serve in the Selected Reserve in critically short wartime specialties.

-Selected Reserve affiliation, enlistment and re-enlistment bonuses.

-Special pay for enlisted members of the Selected Reserve assigned to certain high-priority units.

-Ready Reserve enlistment and re-enlistment bonuses

-Prior service enlistment bonus

(Information for article was obtained from Air Force news sources.)

## Voices: How do you think retention will be affected in the next year because of the Reservists' role in the war on terrorism?



Lt. Col. Jerry Fulgham  
917th Mission Support Squadron

"Those who are new to the military will be most negatively affected if called up because they aren't as well adjusted."



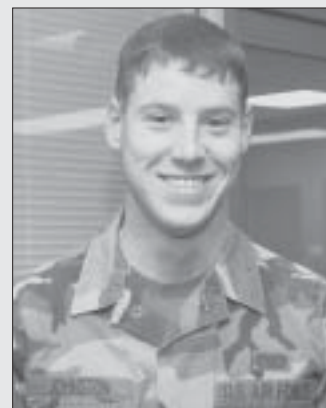
Tech. Sgt. Ken Beckwith  
917th Civil Engineer Squadron

"I think retention will go down, but recruitment will go up. The only thing that may affect this would be if stop loss was implemented."



Airman Lakesha Bailey  
917th Maintenance Group

"Not very much. Some people may get out, but others will join to help save America."



Staff Sgt. Brad Johnston  
307th RED HORSE Squadron

"Not at all. We are treated better as reservists, therefore we are more willing to do our part and go where we're needed."



# 917th Wing Training Schedule

January 4-5, 2003

Time	Event	Location
<b>Saturday</b>		
0630-0700	Sign-in	Assigned unit
0700	Wing staff meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
0700	Intro -- all newcomers	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0700	Physical exam (flyers)	Base hospital (lobby)
0730	Detailed physical exam (non-flyers)	Base hospital
0730-1000	Body fat measurement	Family practice
0730-1430	Eyeglass inserts	Bldg. 4845 (by hospital)
0745	Firearms training	Firing range
0800	Routine physical exam	Base hospital, 2nd floor
0800 & 1300	Initial Warfare (appointment only)	Bldg. 4713, Rm. 329
0900	Anti-terrorism training	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0900-1400	Immunizations	Base hospital, 1st floor
0930 & 1030	Family readiness briefing	Bldg. 4713, Rm. 17
1000	Unit deployment managers	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1000	First sergeants' meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
1300	Chem Warfare Refresher	Hangar 7
1300	Flightline drivers training	Bldg. 6825, Rm. 243
1400	Family Care briefing	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1550-1615	Sign-out	1550--CES, MSS, WG 1600-MXG 1610-- MXS
<b>Sunday</b>		
0630-0700	Sign in	Assigned Unit
0730	Information Management Training	Bldg. 4238, STARBASE
0730	Human Relations	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0745	Firearms training	Firing range
0800	UCI meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
0800-1000	Dental Class 3 profile reviews	Base dental clinic
0800-1300	Eyeglass inserts	Bldg. 4845 (by hospital)
0800	Initial Warfare (appointment only)	Bldg. 4713, Rm. 329
0800	Chem Warfare Refresher	Hangar 7
0800	Career advisor training	Bldg. 6815, T-Net
0830	Substance Abuse	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0900	Catholic Mass	Base Chapel 2
0900	Unit advisory council	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
0945	EO First Duty Station Part 1	Bldg. 4714, 3rd Floor
1000-1030	Protestant services	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1030	Family readiness briefing	Bldg. 4713, Rm. 17
1230	EOC testing	Bldg. 4314, 3rd floor
1300	EO First Duty Station Part 2	Bldg. 4714, 3rd Floor
1300	Flightline drivers refresher	Bldg. 6825, Rm. 243
1430	SORTS meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
1500	717AMXS commander's call	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1550-1615	Sign-out	1550--CES, MSS, WG 1600-MXG 1610-- MXS

## Know anyone who is looking for a recruiter?

### Barksdale AFB, La.

Master Sgt. Joe Menna  
Master Sgt. Don Copeland  
Tech. Sgt. Gary Johnson  
1-800-241-4071

### Monroe, La.

318-323-1898

### Texarkana, Texas

Tech. Sgt. Mathew Lucas, 903-223-7030  
Interested in becoming a recruiter? Call 917th Wing Recruiting at 456-9751.

### Shreveport, La.

Master Sgt. Ellen Shaheed  
318-683-0331

### Little Rock AFB, Ark.

Tech. Sgt. TeNeuss Land  
501-987-7188

### Mesquite/Tyler, Texas

Tech. Sgt. Clark Fitzpatrick  
972-681-6384/903-534-8618

# SERVICES

## **Military Personnel Flight**

Bldg. 6803, Room 140, ext. 9205

### **Saturday**

7 - 11 a.m. - Newcomers in-processing.  
11 a.m. - 4 p.m. - All customer service functions (open during lunch)

### **Sunday**

7 - 8 a.m. - Closed for training.  
8 a.m. - 2 p.m. - All customer service functions (open during lunch)  
2:30 - 4 p.m. - Closed for training.

### **Monday - Friday**

7 a.m. - 4 p.m. All services

**NOTE: Customer Service functions include in & out processing, ID cards, DEERS, DD93s, SGLI, Vehicle Decals, Record Reviews, etc.**

## **Base Billeting**

Bldg. 5155, 456-3091/3092

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week (reservations required).

## **Chaplain**

Bldg. 6803, Room 239, 456-9179

Friday - Sunday - 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Chaplain Willis (985) 517-0955

Chaplain DeVaul (713) 502-1124

## **Red River Dining Hall**

Bldg. 4631

Breakfast - 5:30 - 6:30 a.m.

Lunch MS - 11 - 1 47FS - 11:45

WG - 11 MSS - 11:45 93 BS -

11:15 CES - noon SFS - 12:15

**NOTE: You must show ID card, newcomer's letter or DD form 1172.**

## **Family Readiness**

Bldg. 4713

Saturday & Sunday - 8 - 11 a.m.

## **Military drivers license**

Military drivers license issue is available on the main UTA in Bldg. 6825, Rm. 240. Issue hours:

Saturday & Sunday, noon - 2 p.m.

## **Lodging**

For information on official or space "A" lodging call 1-888-AF-LODGE. Once the automated system answers, key in the first three letters of the base you are trying to reach.

## **Military Pay**

Main UTA Schedule

Sat. 7 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sun. 1 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

## **Gov. Credit Card Service**

Bldg. 6803, Room 203, 456-9546

Mon.-Fri. 6 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Main UTA - 6 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (Saturday only)

## **Military clothing issue**

Wednesday 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Main UTA Saturday 10 a.m. - noon, 1 - 3 p.m.

## And the winner is...



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. SHERRI SAVANT

Master Sgt. Sandra Alford, 917th Wing chief of personnel relocations, shows her award-winning baskets to Sue O'Neal, engraver. Alford placed first in the three-dimensional fine arts category in the Artist/Craftsman Contest held at the base arts and crafts center. Tech. Sgt. David Owens, 917th Maintenance Group training technician, and Master Sgt. Jeff Smith, 917th Civil Engineer Squadron explosive ordnance disposal program manager, were also among the winners.

### UTA Schedule

#### Main

Jan. 4-5  
Feb. 1-2  
March 1-2  
April 5-6  
May 17-18  
June 7-8  
July 12-13  
Aug. 2-3  
Sept. 6-7  
Oct. 4-5

#### Alternate

Jan. 11-12  
Feb. 8-9  
March 15-16  
April 12-13  
May 3-4  
June 21-22  
July 19-20  
Aug. 16-17  
Sept. 13-14  
Oct. 18-19

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